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I verily believe I am the original, first and sole inventor (if only one name is listed below) or an original, first and joint inventor (if plural names are listed below) of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled:

COMPRESSED-MEDIUM OPERATED NIPPERS

(Insert invention title)

the specification of which is attached hereto.

I hereby state that I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above identified specification, including the claims, as amended by any amendment specifically referred to in the declaration.

I acknowledge the duty to disclose all information which is known to be material to patentability of this application in accordance with Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations § 1.56.

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Docket No: *H01-0-9509*

1. As a below-named inventor, I hereby declare that I qualify as an independent inventor as defined in 37 CFR §1.9(c) for purposes of paying reduced fees under section 41(a) and (b) of Title 35, United States Code, to the Patent and Trademark Office with regard to the invention identified above, the docket no., filing date and application number of which application may be inserted above by any attorney of Vidas, Arrett & Steinkraus, P.A., when known.

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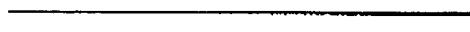

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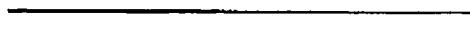
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